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Rome, Aug. 1. N. S.

THE Principal Business in agitation at this Court at present is, the choosing a Dean of the College of Cardinals in the room of the deceased Cardinal Cibo; the French Ambassador, and the Cardinals who are in the Interest of that Crown, use great Endeavours to prefer Cardinal Barbarini to that Dignity; and on the other side, Cardinal Nigroni, and divers other Cardinals, are equally Industrious to Promote the Cardinal de Bouillon's Interest; and the latter have prevailed with the Pope to hold a Consistory on the 3d Instant, in which 'tis believed this Matter will be determined. The Pope has renewed his former Custom, of giving Audience to all Foreign Ministers on Fridays and Saturdays, which had been laid aside for some time. The Abbot de Caunitz, Son to Count Caunitz Vice-Chamberlain to the Emperor, is made one of the Auditors of the Rota.

Venice, Aug. 6. The Count de Berka, Ambassador from the Emperor, made his Publick Entry here the 28th past; He was received at the Island of San Secundo by Signior Carlo Ruzzini with 60 Venetian Noblemen, and the next day Signior Ruzzini conducted him to his Publick Audience with the usual Ceremonies; after which he received the Presents of Refreshment from the Senate. Signior Giovanni Francisco Morosini is chosen by the Senate to be their Ambassador to the Emperor, and Signior Aluisio Lombardo to be Inquisitor of State in the Morea. Signior Mocenigo, General of the Venetian Forces in Dalmatia, has sent hither several Draughts of the Countries and Places on the Borders of Croatia and Dalmatia in Dispute between the Emperor and this State, which by order of the Senate were immediately dispatched by an Express to Signior Lore-dano, Ambassador from this Republick at Vienna, who is endeavouring to adjust this Affair with the Emperor's Ministers. Signior Ruzzini, one of the Procurators of St. Mark, is lately dead, and 'tis believed Signior Venier, who has been Ambassador from this Republick in France and Spain, will be chosen in his room. Cardinal Delfino intends to go from hence in 3 or 4 days to his Bishoprick of Brescia.

Mittaw, Aug. 6. The Letters from the Saxon Camp of the 4th Instant have brought these Particulars concerning their Army's repassing the Duna. On the 28th of the last Month the King of Poland ordered 50 Dragoons and Cossacks on Horseback to swim over the River at Thomsdorf, and to post themselves on the other side, but three Squadrons of Swedish Horse appearing, the Saxons returned, 5 or 6 of their Company being drowned; Afterwards a Detachment of Granadiers was sent over in Boats, and the Swedes thinking them stronger than they really were, retired; So the Saxons having got footing on the other side the Duna, and being followed by 4000 Foot more, with 5 Pieces of Cannon, they presently fell to work in casting up an Intrenchment for their Security. The 29th, the Saxons laid a Bridge over the River, and the rest of the Foot, Horse, and Artillery, passed over the same, and encamped

near Thomsdorf. On the 30th, a Body of the Swedish Forces advanced within a small distance of the Saxons, and 'twas expected they would have attack'd them, but they retired again. While they were making these Motions, the Saxons plied them with their Cannon, and killed divers of their Men; The Swedes being returned to their Camp, a Body of Tartars were sent out to observe them, and brought an Account, that they had 44 Squadrons of Horse, 16 Battalions of Foot, and 18 Pieces of Cannon. On the 30th, at night, the Swedes moved nearer to Riga, and encamped at Huckshoff. On the 31st, the King of Poland marched towards them, the King chose the Left Wing, and gave the Right to the Duke of Courland, and General Steynau had the Command of the Foot; The Swedes observing the Motion of the Saxons, sent away their Tents and Baggage to Riga; and in the mean time the King marched on with the Left Wing along the Duna, while the Duke of Courland with the Right advanced towards a Morass, behind which the Enemy were posted; The King believing the Morass was impassable, and that the Duke would therefore be obliged to take a compass about, and being willing to give time to the Foot and Artillery to come up, marched on very slowly, and sent Orders to the Duke not to engage till the two Wings should be in a Right Line, and that the Foot and Artillery were come up in order to attack the Swedes all at once; but before the Duke could receive these Orders, he had already passed the Morass and engaged the Enemy, who, after a Dispute of about half an hour, were obliged to retire. In this Action, the Saxons had about 30 Men killed, among whom was a Major and a Captain; and Major-General Plotz, with several other Saxon Officers, and divers Soldiers, were wounded. The Swedes lost about 250 Men killed and taken Prisoners, and among them several Officers. The next day the Saxons continued their March, and encamped at Jensefrenhoff, and the Swedes retired under the Cannon of Riga. The Saxon Artillery, which is now here, is ordered to be sent to their Camp.

Dantzick, August 8. The Cardinal Primate is shortly expected here from Lowitz; And 'tis said, he intends to go from this Place to the King of Poland's Camp in Livonia, to perswade him to accommodate Matters with the King of Sweden. The Letters from thence give an account, that upon the Saxon Forces repassing the Duna, the Swedish Army retired under the Cannon of Riga, and that the King of Poland with his Army was advanced within a small distance of that Place, and intended to Besiege it. On the other hand, Count d'Aberg, the Governor of Riga, had put the Place in a very good condition of Defence.

Vienna, August 7. The Emperor and Empress went yeste day from their Palace at Favorita to Laxembourg, and this day they proceeded to Newstadt; The King and Queen of the Romans, and the rest of the Imperial Court, went thither this day, but the Arch-Duke and Arch-Duchesses are to continue at the Favorita. The Elector and Electress Palatine are expected in few days at Newstadt. The Counts of Hapsler, Martinitz, Aversberg, and Stradmann, are declared of the Emperor's Privy-Council.

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